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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application N .	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Brenda Coleman	1624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicant's amendment filed October 22, 2004.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed October 22, 2004 have been fully considered with the following effect:

1. With regards to the 35 USC § 112, first paragraph rejections labeled paragraph 1 maintained in the last office action, the applicants' arguments have been fully considered but are not found persuasive. The applicants' stated that claim 1, as amended, provides that the group "nitro" is a possible alternative for only the R₃ substituent. The applicants' also stated that the specification clearly sets forth that "nitro" is a possible R₃ substituent (see table on page 9 of the specification), surely it cannot be said that Applicants were not in possession of the claimed invention at the time the instant application was filed. However, the definition of X, n, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ on page 9 is part of a table of specific species, with specific definitions for each of the variables, not the description of the genus of Formula I. While the applicants may possess that one species where X is O; n is 0; R₁ is H; R₂ is H; R₃ is nitro; R₄ is H; and R₅ is H, but at no time did the applicants have possession of species where the variables are other than those disclosed for example 6. A single species where R₃ is nitro does not provide for a genus, which includes the nitro. For example none of the following species are supported and/or contemplated where R₃ is nitro, however, with the applicants claim 1 as amended no embraces, i.e.

X is NH (as in example 8), n is 0, R₁ is H, R₂ is H, R₃ is nitro, R₄ is H, and R₅ is H;
X is NCH₃ (as in example 10), n is 0, R₁ is H, R₂ is H, R₃ is nitro, R₄ is H, and R₅ is H;
X is O, n is 1 (as in example 9), R₁ is H, R₂ is H, R₃ is nitro, R₄ is H, and R₅ is H; etc.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, for reasons of record and stated above.

2. With regards to the 35 USC § 112, first paragraph rejections labeled paragraph 2 maintained in the last office action, the applicants' arguments have been fully considered but are not found persuasive. The applicants' stated that the description of the 23 examples in the table amounts in aggregate to the subgenus of claims 4 and 6 and such species are representative of the entire subgenus herein claimed. However, the definition of X, n, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ as set forth in the table on page 9 is a table of specific species, with specific definitions for each of the variables, not the description of a subgenus of Formula I.

Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, for reasons of record and stated above.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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